

GRADUATION RATE RISES TO 82 PERCENT

Beginning with the class of 2011, federal regulations required each state to calculate graduation rates using a method known as the Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR). All states and the District of Columbia have reported ACGR rates. Based on those state-reported results, the U.S. Department of Education indicates that the nation's graduation rate reached 82 percent for the class of 2014, an increase of 1 percentage point over the prior year.

	THREE-YEAR GRADUATION TREND (ALL STUDENTS)			GRADUATION RATES FOR STUDENT SUBGROUPS, CLASS OF 2014							
	CLASS OF 2014	CLASS OF 2011	CHANGE 2011 TO 2014 (PERCENTAGE POINT)	STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES	LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED	AMERICAN INDIAN	ASIAN	LATINO	BLACK	WHITE
ALABAMA	86%	72%	+14	64%	67%	82%	88%	91%	85%	84%	88%
ALASKA	71	68	+3	42	32	60	55	74	70	66	79
ARIZONA	76	78	-2	63	18	70	63	83	70	71	82
ARKANSAS	87	81	+6	83	84	83	86	85	85	81	89
CALIFORNIA	81	76	+5	62	65	76	71	92	77	68	88
COLORADO	77	74	+3	55	59	64	61	84	67	69	83
CONNECTICUT	87	83	+4	65	63	76	85	93	74	79	92
DELAWARE	87	78	+9	68	77	81	89	93	84	83	90
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	61	59	+2	41	64	60	<>	<>	65	60	85
FLORIDA	76	71	+5	55	56	68	74	89	75	65	82
GEORGIA	73	67	+6	37	44	63	67	83	64	65	80
HAWAII	82	80	+2	59	53	78	72	83	76	76	80
IDAHO	77	—	—	59	75	71	56	79	70	75	79
ILLINOIS	86	84	+2	72	72	79	82	94	81	77	90
INDIANA	88	86	+2	73	80	85	84	89	83	75	90
IOWA	91	88	+3	76	83	84	78	90	82	79	92
KANSAS	86	83	+3	77	75	77	76	90	79	77	88
KENTUCKY	88	—	—	71	66	84	84	89	84	79	89
LOUISIANA	75	71	+4	43	50	69	80	89	73	68	80
MAINE	87	84	+3	71	72	78	80	95	72	79	87
MARYLAND	86	83	+3	64	54	78	87	95	78	81	92
MASSACHUSETTS	86	83	+3	69	63	76	76	92	69	75	91
MICHIGAN	79	74	+5	55	68	66	65	89	69	65	83
MINNESOTA	81	77	+4	58	64	66	51	82	63	60	86
MISSISSIPPI	78	75	+3	28	67	71	66	89	80	72	84
MISSOURI	87	81	+6	75	64	80	83	90	80	75	90
MONTANA	85	82	+3	76	59	75	65	85	81	89	88
NEBRASKA	90	86	+4	72	60	82	69	78	83	81	93
NEVADA	70	62	+8	28	29	64	52	83	65	54	77
NEW HAMPSHIRE	88	86	+2	72	75	77	84	90	77	84	89
NEW JERSEY	89	83	+6	77	71	80	86	96	81	79	94
NEW MEXICO	69	63	+6	57	64	62	61	84	67	62	75
NEW YORK	78	77	+1	52	37	69	65	84	64	65	88
NORTH CAROLINA	84	78	+6	64	52	78	79	91	77	80	87
NORTH DAKOTA	87	86	+1	70	64	72	66	85	74	76	90
OHIO	82	80	+2	68	66	69	74	88	69	63	87
OKLAHOMA	83	—	—	77	59	78	82	88	78	76	85
OREGON	72	68	+4	51	52	64	54	83	65	60	74
PENNSYLVANIA	86	83	+3	71	65	77	82	91	71	73	90
RHODE ISLAND	81	77	+4	60	72	71	57	88	72	72	85
SOUTH CAROLINA	80	74	+6	43	73	73	74	88	77	76	83
SOUTH DAKOTA	83	83	0	59	57	65	47	80	71	73	89
TENNESSEE	87	86	+1	69	73	82	81	93	81	79	91
TEXAS	88	86	+2	78	72	85	87	95	86	84	93
UTAH	84	76	+8	68	62	74	66	85	73	69	87
VERMONT	88	87	+1	70	69	78	>=50	90	78	75	89
VIRGINIA	85	82	+3	53	48	75	—	91	76	79	89
WASHINGTON	78	76	+2	56	54	67	57	85	68	68	81
WEST VIRGINIA	85	78	+7	70	89	80	59	95	89	79	85
WISCONSIN	89	87	+2	69	64	78	81	90	78	66	93
WYOMING	79	80	-1	62	65	65	47	85	72	69	81
U.S.	82%	79%	+3	63%	63%	75%	70% ¹	89%	76%	73%	87%

NOTE: Graduation rates are calculated by states using the Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) method, as reported by the U.S. Department of Education. The department indicates that variation in the way that states have implemented ACGR provisions may result in potential differences in calculations across states, particularly with respect to students with disabilities.

— Data not available

>= Greater than or equal to. Results have been top coded to protect the confidentiality of individual student data.

<> Data were suppressed to protect the confidentiality of individual student data.

¹The United States four-year ACGR for American Indian students was estimated by the U.S. Department of Education using both the reported four-year ACGR data from 49 states and the District of Columbia and using imputed data for Virginia.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education Ed Data Express, 2016